

Amendments to the Specification:

In the Specification:

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning on page 1, line 25:

There have been many proposals for the removal of metal ions from aqueous solutions. In the industrial context proposals have included filter beds and polymeric filters for capturing heavy metal ions from an aqueous solution flowing within a passageway. Examples are given in EP-A-992238 and ~~GB-A-20869564~~ GB-A-2086954. In the domestic context sequestrants can be added to an aqueous washing solution and these can capture metal ions, such as calcium ions. Examples of such sequestrants are given in EP-A-892040.